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SCDDSN Commission authority delegated to staff is delegated through the State Director so that all authority and accountability of staff—so far as the commission is concerned—is considered to be the authority and accountability of the director. Accordingly:

1. The commission requires the director to achieve certain results for certain recipients at a certain cost through the establishment of “Ends Policy,” and limits the latitude the director may exercise in all “means” through the establishment of “Executive Limitations Policy.”
2. As long as the director uses any reasonable interpretation of the commission’s Ends and Executive Limitations policies, the director is authorized to establish all directives, make all decisions, take all actions, establish all practices, and develop all activities.
3. As long as a particular delegation is in place, it will be respected by the commission. Any unresolved concerns with interpretation of policies will be addressed through clarifying amendment of those policies.
4. Only decisions of the commission acting as a body are binding upon the director. Decisions, instructions or requests of individuals are not binding on the director except as specifically authorized by the commission.
5. The commission, in delegating its authority to promulgate directives that accurately express and apply federal and state laws and regulations, and commission policies, retains its responsibility to govern the department. Of particular concern to the commission are directives regarding:
  - a. Department responsiveness in person-centered services as expressed in a money-follows-the-individual concept/practice and consumer choice of provider

- b. Establishment of family/consumer advisory councils by county DSN boards and private service providers, and regional and local human rights advisory groups
- c. Quality management of administration, finances, program and service delivery functions such as standards, licensing/certification and reviews, independent quality review, consumer/family surveys, annual independent financial audits, periodic compliance audits, special audits, critical incident reporting/tracking, abuse/neglect/exploitation reporting/follow-up
- d. Inclusion in appropriate directives those statements listed in rescinded commission policies 106-03-CP, 107-01-CP, 108-01-CP, 509-01-CP and 400-13-CP but not listed specifically in commission policies adopted to establish Policy Governance on 01-18-07 but determined by the commission to be appropriate “means” to be addressed by department directive.

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